

a CASA volunteer and a CASA supervisor in Portland, has served variously as a counselor, advisor, and friend to many of my State. Mike once served as a caseworker in the child welfare system, but later came to CASA because he believed it would be the place where he could make the biggest difference.

Today, Mike suffers from a terminal illness. The CASA organization and all of Oregon has been extraordinary fortunate to have him in their ranks. Mike's co-workers describe him as compassionate, funny, possessing a quiet wisdom, able to interject just the right solution when it appears to elude everyone else, and an inherently decent guy. One CASA represented the feelings of a great many in the organization, saying, "I for one feel blessed to have him in my life. He is the best."

I want to take this opportunity to honor Mike's contributions to my State, to the Nation, and to humanity, and to wish Mike, his wife Natalie, and his two children, Ryan and Andrea, peace and joy in the days ahead. I have witnessed first-hand the ripples that emanate from simply human acts, good and bad. These ripples can reach across families, across borders, and across generations. Mike's ripples have made this world a far better place. I honor his dedicated service and his life, as well as the service rendered by CASA workers and volunteers all across our Nation.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:58 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1829. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to require Federal Prison Industries to compete for its contracts minimizing its unfair competition with private sector firms and their non-inmate workers and empowering Federal agencies to get the best value for taxpayers' dollars, to provide a five-year period during which Federal Prison Industries adjusts to obtaining inmate work opportunities through other than its mandatory source status, to enhance inmate access to remedial and vocational opportunities and other rehabilitative opportunities to better prepare inmates for a successful return to so-

ciety, to authorize alternative inmate work opportunities in support of non-profit organizations, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The following enrolled bills, previously signed by the Speaker, were signed on today, November 7, 2003, by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

H.R. 1442. An act to authorize the design and construction of a visitor center for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

H.R. 3365. An act to amend title 10, United States Code, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the death gratuity payable with respect to deceased members of the Armed Forces and to exclude such gratuity from gross income, to provide additional tax relief for members of the Armed Forces and their families, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 11:40 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 76. A joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes.

The joint resolution was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 12:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1588) "to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1829. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to require Federal Prison Industries to compete for its contracts minimizing its unfair competition with private sector firms and their non-inmate workers and empowering Federal agencies to get the best value for taxpayers' dollars, to provide a five-year period during which Federal Prison Industries adjusts to obtaining inmate work opportunities through other than its mandatory source status, to enhance inmate access to remedial and vocational opportunities and other rehabilitative opportunities to better prepare inmates for a successful return to society, to authorize inmate work opportunities in support of non-profit organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1832. A bill to entitle the Senator Paul Wellstone Mental Health Equitable Treatment Act of 2003.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5183. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5184. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5185. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's Alternate Fuel Vehicle Program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5186. A communication from the, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assessment of Access Authorization Fees" (RIN3150-AH30) received on November 4, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5187. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Air Act Final Approval of Operating Program Revision; Michigan" (FRL#7585-3) received on November 4, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5188. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and Non-attainment New Source Review (NSR): Reconsideration" (FRL#7583-7) received on November 4, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5189. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Trade Secrecy Claims for Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Information; and Trade Secret Disclosures to Health Professionals; Amendment" (FRL#7584-8) received on November 4, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5190. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Water Quality Standards; Withdrawal of Federal Aquatic Life Water Quality Criteria for Copper and Nickel Applicable to South San Francisco Bay, California" (FRL#7583-9) received on November 4, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5191. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Water Quality Standards; Withdrawal of Federal Nutrient Standards for the State of Arizona" (FRL#7584-1) received on November 4, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5192. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the

Arms Export Control Act, the report of the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles that are firearms sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more to Belgium; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5193. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Common Rule on Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement) and Government-wide Requirements for Drug Free Workplace (Grants)" (RIN1121-AA57) received on November 5, 2003; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5194. A communication from the Assistant Chief for Regulations, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Treasury Department, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bennett Valley Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AA36) received on November 5, 2003; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5195. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, New Market, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Market Venture Capital Program" (RIN3245-AE91) received on October 30, 2003; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-5196. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, New Market, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Business Loans and Development Company Loans" (RIN3245-AE68) received on October 30, 2003; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-5197. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, New Market, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disaster Loan Program—Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000" (RIN3245-AE97) received on October 30, 2003; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-5198. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Veterans Education: Indecent Study Approved for Certificate Programs and Other Miscellaneous Issues" (RIN2900-AL34) received on October 30, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5199. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disease Associated with Exposure to Certain Herbicide Agents: Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia" (RIN2900-AL55) received on October 30, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5200. A communication from the National President, Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual audit of the Association; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5201. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations [Including 245 Regulations]" (RIN1625-AA00) received on November 5, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Report to accompany S.J. Res. 1, A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the

Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims (Rept. No. 108-191).

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on Finance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1637. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to comply with the World Trade Organization rulings on the FSC/ETI benefit in a manner that preserves jobs and production activities in the United States, to reform and simplify the international taxation rules of the United States, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-192).

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 237. A resolution welcoming the public apologies issued by the President of Serbia and Montenegro and the President of the Republic of Croatia and urging other leaders in the region to perform similar concrete acts of reconciliation.

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. Res. 256. A resolution observing the 50th anniversary of the Mutual Defense Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Korea, affirming the deep cooperation and friendship between the people of the United States and the people of the Republic of Korea, and thanking the Republic of Korea for its contributions to the global war on terrorism and to the stabilization and reconstruction of Afghanistan and Iraq.

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 258. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the arrest of Mikhail B. Khodorkovsky by the Russian Federation.

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 1317. A bill to amend the American Servicemember's Protection Act of 2002 to provide clarification with respect to the eligibility of certain countries for United States military assistance.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By M. LUGAR for the Committee on Foreign Relations:

*Edward B. O'Donnell, Jr., of Tennessee, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues.

*Jon R. Purnell, of Massachusetts, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Uzbekistan.

*Margaret DeBardleben Tutwiler, of Alabama, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy.

*Zalmay Khalilzad, of Maryland, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan.

*Louise V. Oliver, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

*William J. Hudson, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Tunisia.

*Margaret Scobey, of Tennessee, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Syrian Arab Republic.

*Thomas Thomas Riley, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Morocco.

*Jackie Wolcott Sanders, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Representative to the Conference on Disarmament and the Special Representative of the President of the United States for Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

*Mary Kramer, of Iowa, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Barbados and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

*Timothy John Dunn, of Illinois, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Deputy Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States.

*James Curtis Struble, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America of America to the Republic of Peru.

*Hector E. Morales, of Texas, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank.

*Marguerita Dianne Ragsdale, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Djibouti.

*Stuart W. Holliday, of Texas, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, for the Committee on Foreign Relations I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

*Foreign Service nominations beginning Elena L. Brineman and ending Stephen J. Hadley, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 3, 2003.

*Foreign Service nominations beginning Kenneth C. Brill and ending Steven C. Taylor, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 3, 2003.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before and duly constituted committee of the Senate.